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1. PCT International Publication No. WO 03/059190 A1, published July 24, 2003;
2. United States Patent No. 6,261,097, dated July 17, 2001 to Schmutz et al.;
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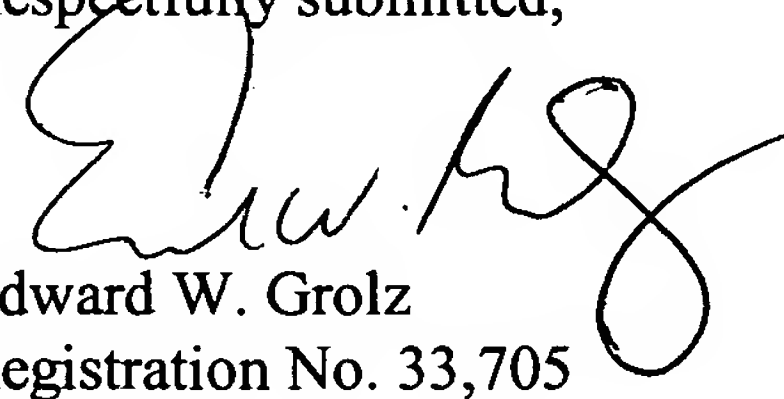
4. United States Patent Application Publication No. 2003/0221977 A1, published December 4, 2003 to Kumar et al.; and
5. PCT International Publication No. WO 02/30315 A1, published April 18, 2002.

Reference nos. 1-4 were cited in a Search Report dated February 7, 2005 received from the European Patent Office. Applicants are submitting a copy of the above-cited references, together with a copy of the Search Report. The relevance of above-identified reference nos. 1-4 has been described in the Search Report. The relevance of above-identified reference nos. 2 and 5 has been described in the specification.

In accordance with the waiver of 37 C.F.R. § 1.98 (a)(2)(i), per 1276 OG 55, June 30, 2003, applicants are not required to submit a copy of the above-cited U.S. Patent and Publication references.

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